

Sample labels are typed, and six of them pasted on a standard size sheet of typing paper. These are then photographed by the University photographic service with an Itek camera on an Itek photodirect master. Up to 1000 copies can be made from one master. Should more be required, a metal offset plate can be made with the capacity of producing over 5000 copies. Any kind of paper, including 100% rag, and even 90 lb. card stock, can be used with either the photodirect master or the metal offset plate. The cost of the photodirect master (in our experience) is \$1.00. A press run of 100 copies is \$1.10; that for 1000 copies is down to \$4.20. A good quality, 100% rag paper is about \$7.50 per ream. Assuming that one needs 100 copies of each of six different labels, the cost per individual label is slightly over one-half a cent. The advantages of this method are obvious.—JOHN H. THOMAS, Dudley Herbarium, Stanford University.

THE HERBARIUM OF HOWARD E. McMINN.—During his teaching and research career from 1918 to 1957, the late Professor Howard E. McMinn built up, in the Biology Department of Mills College, a significant herbarium of native woody plants of California as well as collections of introduced woody ornamentals and allergenic plants of California. A few months ago, in order to facilitate the availability of McMinn's voucher specimens to interested botanists, his native plant collections were transferred to the Herbarium of the University of California at Berkeley. These specimens (approximately 4000) served as the basis for McMinn's following important books and monographs: H. E. McMinn and E. Maino, 1937, *An Illustrated Manual of Pacific Coast Trees*, Univ. Calif. Press, Berkeley; H. E. McMinn, 1939, *An Illustrated Manual of California Shrubs*, Univ. of Calif. Press; M. van Rensselaer and H. E. McMinn, 1942, *Ceanothus*, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, Calif.; H. E. McMinn, 1951, *Studies in the Genus Diplacus, Scrophulariaceae*, Madroño 11:33-128. McMinn's specimens will be undergoing processing at the University of California shortly and should be available for study by the end of 1966. Thereafter, requests for borrowing them should be addressed directly to the Director of the University of California Herbarium, University of California, Berkeley, California.

McMinn's collections of "Introduced Woody Plants of California" and "Wind Pollinated Plants of California" are kept in the Biology Department of Mills College as reference and teaching material in Botany classes. This portion of McMinn's herbarium consists of approximately 2000 specimens of ornamental plants and over 1000 allergenic plants. Most of the voucher specimens that have been utilized in the publication of the following two books are maintained in this herbarium: H. E. McMinn, 1919, *A Manual of Trees, Shrubs and Vines of Mills College Campus*, H. S. Crocker Co., Inc., San Francisco and Oakland; E. Graham and H. E. McMinn, 1941, *Ornamental Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Pacific Coast*, Gillick Press, Berkeley, Calif. These specimens are filed according to generic names among which *Acacia*, *Acer*, *Berberis*, *Callistemon*, *Cotoneaster*, *Erica*, *Escalonia*, *Eucalyptus*, *Fraxinus*, *Ilex*, *Leptospermum*, *Melaleuca*, *Pittosporum*, *Pyranthia* and *Tilia* are particularly well-represented. Previous arrangement is necessary for those interested in studying these specimens.—BAKI KASAPLIGIL, Department of Biology, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

The following publications are of interest:

*The Genus Lithophragma*. By ROY L. TAYLOR. University of California Publications in Botany 37:1-122. University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles. 1965. \$3.00.

*Orchids, Care and Growth*. By MICHEL PAUL. Universe Books Inc., 381 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. 135 pp. 1965. Paper, \$1.95; hardcover, \$2.75.

*Drawings of British Plants*. By STELLA ROSS-CRAIG. Part XVIII. Boraginaceae, Convolvulaceae, Solanaceae. 32 plates. G. Bell & Sons, London. 1965. 10/6d.

*Illustrated Dictionary of Botanical Terms* (excerpt from). By JOHN LINDLEY. With an introduction by ALICE EASTWOOD and a foreword by JOSEPH J. GRAHAM. 48 pp. School of Earth Sciences, Stanford University. 1964.